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The Honorable Warren Petersen
President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: SB1013 public employees; merit; hiring practices

President Petersen,

Today I vetoed SB1013. As I said last year when I vetoed SB1584, the State does not mandate any composition of its workforce and already has a merit-focused hiring system to recruit the best possible talent into the ranks of public service. This bill attempts to solve a problem that does not exist.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Steve Montenegro
The Honorable Janae Shamp
The Honorable Adrian Fontes